

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:

Ann H. Kobayashi, Chair; Stanley Chang, Vice Chair;
Carol Fukunaga, Joey Manahan, Kymberly Marcos Pine

Committee Meeting Held
June 25, 2014

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Budget, which considered Resolution 14-121 entitled:

"RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY GOVERNING
QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE DEVELOPERS/OWNERS/MANAGERS
OF THE CITY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS,"

introduced on May 21, 2014, reports as follows :

The purpose of the Resolution is to amend City Council policy governing qualifications for prospective developers/owners/managers of the City's affordable housing projects.

At the Council's meeting held on June 4, 2014, Committee Report No. CR-183 and Resolution 14-121 were recommitted back to the Committee on Budget.

The Managing Director was available to answer questions from members of the Committee. The Managing Director also stated that the change to the policy will also change the RFP.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the proposed CD1 amendment to Resolution 14-121 from three members of the public. Your Committee also received testimony in opposition of Resolution 14-121 from four members of the public. Testimony was received providing comments on Resolution 14-121 from six members of the public.

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 196

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Your Committee received testimony from the following institutions, organizations, and governmental agencies:

1. Connie Geisler, OH-NO (Ohana-Housing Network Oahu)
2. Kevin Carney, Vice Preside, EAH Housing
3. Rev. Sadrian Chee, Ohana, Family of the Living God
4. Steve Lohse, The Chinatown Gateway Plaza Tenant Association
5. Bob Nakata, FACE Housing Advocate
6. Charles P. Wathen, Hawaii Housing Alliance
7. Cat Wong, President OH-NO

Your Committee considered and approved a CD1 version that makes the following amendments:

4) Affordability

Quality affordable housing is the cornerstone of livable communities. Most City-owned affordable housing projects represent a range of incomes that has proven to be economically and socially beneficial for project neighborhoods. Prospective owners shall retain the existing mix of affordability, or if feasible, increase service to the low income community, defined as the population at or below 60% of the HUD median income provided that the City shall restore mixed-income housing projects in mixed use commercial residential areas, subject to the requirement that the low-income tenants (60% AMI and below) in Chinatown Gateway Plaza, Marin Towers and Harbor Village as of March 31, 2014 shall not be displaced and the rent charged to these tenants shall not exceed the HUD mandated rental rates for low income tenants. New low-income tenants may be accommodated after the income mix for each building is restored. The City shall file monthly

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reports with the City Council reflecting the income mix for the three mixed-income properties until the sale of the public housing facilities is concluded. [If financially feasible, owners may change these income ranges to only serve those at lower income levels.]

Your Committee on Budget is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 14-121, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 14-121, CD1. (Ayes: Kobayashi, Chang, Fukunaga, Manahan – 4; Noes: None; Excused: Pine – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,


Committee Chair

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 196 WAS NOT ADOPTED AND RESOLUTION 14-121, CD1 WAS FILED ON
MAY 21, 2015 PURSUANT TO ROH AUTOMATIC FILING DEADLINE.

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